sent by Government to participate in Festival of India being held in France and USA separately;

(b) whether it is a fact that the troupes of Kuchipudi and Bharat Natyam dance forms of South India were not sent to participate in these Festivals;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to send troupes of these dance forms to participate in the above mentioned Festivals now; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) (a) Types of Dances performed at the Inaugural Mela of the Festivals of India France included the Folk dances of Manipur, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra,. Kathakali was performed at the Inauguration of the Festival of India in USA. Classical music performance featuring Ravishankar, Ali Akbar Khan, Zakir Hussain and Alla Rakha was given at the Inauguration of the Festival of India, USA.

(b) The Inaugural functions did not include performances of Kuchipudi and Bharatnatyam.

(c) The Inauguration of the Festival of India in France being an open air Mela, folk art form was best suited. At the inauguration of the Festival of India, USA the Kathakali was presented by the Kerala Kalamandalam.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Kuchipudi and Bharat Natyam dances will be featured at Lincoln Centre, New York from 10th to 15th September, 1985 and 17th to 22nd September, 1985 at Kennedy Centre, Washington. Kuchipudi and Bharatnatyam will also be featured in Paris on 5th and 6th October, 1985 and from 8th to 12th October, 1985 respectively Kuchipudi is again featured in USA from March to April 5, 1986.

Acquisition of land and houses of village Nangal Dewat

2699. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consequent upon the expansion of Palam Airport for providing a separate terminus for international flights, "LAL-DORA" land and houses of village Nangal Dewat are to be acquired by Government;

(b) if so, by when a decision in the matter is expected to be taken;

(c) the details of the alternative places and facilities proposed to be given to the inhabitants of the village for resettlement;

(d) whether it is also a fact that due to the present uncertain circumstances the development activities in the village have been stopped by the local authorities and the village is facing scarcity of drinking water and is also devoid of public conveniences; and

(e) what measures Government propose to take to mitigate the said problems of the villagers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A decision has already been taken to acquire the Nangal Dewat village.

(c) Appropriate steps are being taken to shift them.

(d) and (e) As the residents have to shift from the village, no major civic work can be undertaken.